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REMARKS

Applicants submit this Amendment to insert the required references to SEQ ID NOS of the Sequence Listing filed concurrently herewith, to indicate the insertion point for the Sequence Listing, and to effect the necessary changes in pagination. Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of this application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Claims 1-12, 16, 18-20, 28, 34 and 35, drawn to polypeptides, nucleic acids encoding the polypeptides, and methods of using the polypeptides and nucleic acids.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Sequence Listing in paper form
2. Computer diskette containing the Sequence Listing in machine-readable form
3. Statement to Support Filing and Submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825
4. Amendment in response to Notice to Comply and Response to Restriction Requirement
5. Copy of Notice to Comply

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